

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 457  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Holly Warlick, longtime University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers Assistant Coach and former player on becoming a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly was pleased to learn that current University of Tennessee Assistant Basketball Coach and former player Holly Warlick, will receive one of sports highest honors by being inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, This latest honor comes as no surprise to Big Orange fans, who know and deeply appreciate her numerous contributions to help make the program one of the best in the country; and

WHEREAS, Holly has spent nineteen years with Tennessee, first as a star player and then as a valued part of Coach Pat Summitt's staff; and

WHEREAS, A native of Knoxville, she was signed to a scholarship at UT as a 400-meter track athlete in 1977, and after trying out for the basketball team, won a scholarship her

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sophomore season; Holly ended her illustrious college career as the most prolific player in the storied history of Lady Vol basketball; and

WHEREAS, She was the first player in Tennessee athletic history, in either men's or women's sports, to have her jersey retired; and

WHEREAS, Known as a play-making wiz as a point guard, Holly was a three-time All-American selection for Coach Summitt; and

WHEREAS, As a freshman walk-on in 1977, she led the Lady Vols to their first appearance in the prestigious Women's Final Four, and returned to this elite position in 1979 and 1980; and

WHEREAS, She set school records for most assists in a game (14), most assists in a season (225), most steals in a game (9) and most games in a career (142); and

WHEREAS, Holly earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing from Tennessee in 1981 and her Master's Degree in Athletic Administration from Virginia Tech in 1983; and

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of her brilliant collegiate career, she served as an assistant coach at Virginia Tech from 1981-1983 and at Nebraska from 1983-1985; and

WHEREAS, Since returning to Tennessee, she has played an important role in the tremendous success the Lady Vols have enjoyed, with six national titles, in 1987, 1989, 1991, 1996, 1997, and 1998, and trips to the Final Four in 1986, 1988, 1995, and 2000; and

WHEREAS, Coach Warlick's expertise and many other contributions to the team are easily apparent every time the team takes the floor; and

WHEREAS, She is also a marvelous recruiter, particularly for the backcourt, attracting some of the nation's finest players to UT; and

WHEREAS, Coach Warlick also has vast international experience; she was a highly admired member of the 1980 United States Olympic basketball team, and participated in the Jones Cup, the Pan American games and World Championship competition; and

WHEREAS, She was a WPBA All-Star, leading the Nebraska Wranglers to the league championship in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Holly served as a player representative on the USA Basketball Council and was a member of the USOC Advisory Council for Basketball; and

WHEREAS, As a former Olympian, she had the distinct honor of being chosen to run the Olympic Torch through Knoxville as it made its way to the 1996 Olympic Games, in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Coach Warlick was selected to the CONVERSE/Lady Vols Team of the Decade for the 1980s, and was honored as one of Knoxville's all-time greatest athletes by being inducted into the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, the NCAA Division 1 women's basketball coaches recognized her as one of the top assistant coaches when she received votes in *The Women's Basketball Journal* poll; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Holly Warlick for her contributions to women's athletics; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Holly Warlick on her service to the University of Tennessee and congratulate her on being inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and wish her much success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.